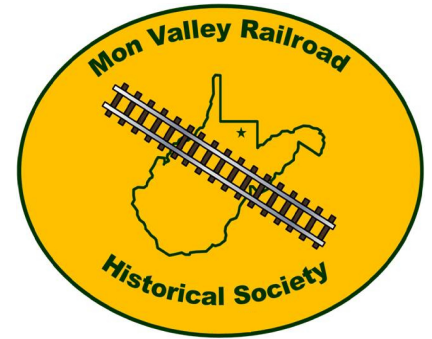


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MON VALLEY RAILROAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY, Inc.

September, 2021



EDITORS NOTE

September is Here and we are moving into a busy time! By the time you get this the Back to School Model Railroad Exhibit will be upon us or possibly over. Several new events have been approved by the membership and we will need every member's help to make them a success!

Gary & Mike showed us the HO scale track plan and we hope to vote to approve it at the September business meeting so that construction can get started right away. We will need every member to help with the construction. With new events we will have to work extra hard to keep our clubhouse looking clean, organized and nice for the public. Visitor's will allow for some clutter but they also have high expectations for our group. Let's not disappoint them!

Planning continues for the "O" gauge layout but construction will not begin on it until we are sure we are not going to need the HO Modular layout anymore.

If you are thinking of helping out with any of the events please wear either your blue society polo shirt or yellow T-shirt. If you are a new member try to wear something that has a railroad theme.

Happy Training,

Rich Henderson, Editor

Minutes of the August 5, 2021 Business Meeting

The August 5th, 2021 meeting was called to order by Vice President Ken Colvin at 1900 (7pm) with 3 officers and 7 members present. A motion was made by Greg and a second by Bob to have the July, 2021 Business Meeting Minutes approved. The motion was voted on and approved.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report was given by Ken Colvin on behalf of Keith DeVault. The society remains financially healthy. Rich made a motion to accept with a second by Eric. Motion voted on and approved.

Modules: The modules are together and trains have run on them. We will have to take them apart and reassemble them for the upcoming Open House.

Ken announced the order of items to discuss according to the routine agenda was switched to accommodate lengthy discussion pertaining to the Main Layout.

Publicity: Publicity is starting to go out for the Open House on 28 & 29 August.

SCHEDULE of EVENTS

**Model Railroad
Display
August 28 & 29, 2021
Center Court
*Workers Needed!***

**September 2, 2021
Business Meeting**

**October 7, 2021
Business Meeting**

**Sunday, October 17, 2021
Alzheimer's Walk
Open House 1pm til 4pm
*Worker's Needed!***

**November 4, 2021
Business Meeting**

**November 13, 2021
National Model Railroad
Month Open House
10am til 4pm
*Workers Needed!***



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PSA's and Notices are scheduled to go out the week of August 8th. The Kruger Street Toy and Train Museum from Wheeling will be in participation with us. Fliers are available.

Facebook has over 900 likes & 955 following. 135 viewed the Box Car video, 281 viewed the pictures of the switcher. 124 viewed the Transfer Station. 98 Viewed the Union Pacific Station, and 97 the Back to School event.

Rich has 60 fun packs and 100 pencils. He attempted so far unsuccessfully, to contact John Perry about Operation Life Saver packets.

Ad Cars: The Dow Jones Development car is paid by check.

Membership: Richard Turton a former member submitted a new application for admission to membership. He was nominated/ sponsored by Gary. A motion to approve for membership was made by Mike with a second by Eric. The membership present voted and passed the motion. The number of members present at the meeting changed from 7 to 8. Welcome Richard!

Donations: Rich reported receiving "a lot" of trains over the past few weeks, to include the collection belonging to Brenda Yohn's grandfather and some Tyco pieces donated by Mary Ellen Sullivan. Bill Hudak made a nice personal donation.

Old Business: One of the "Black Out" windows needs to be repainted. Mike committed to come in and get with Dan (the head of maintenance) to paint the window as required by Mall Management. Rich asked for volunteers for the Open House. If we don't have adequate personnel, we will have to hold the Open House within the

confines of the society.

Bob Gay is seeking members who would avail their home layouts to pictures that would be used in a slide show presentation.

New Business: Through Rich, Keith reported that the Mall Management wanted us to be open on Sunday October 17th from 1-4. This would be to support activities in the mall on that day which focus around the Alzheimer's Charity event. Rich made a motion we be open and donate 50% of net proceeds to the Alzheimer's Charity. Gary offered a second. Voted and approved. Rich informed all present that National Model Railroad Month was during the month of November. He pointed out our 35th Anniversary was also this coming year and proposed an Open House in November. Much discussion took place that included the, yet to be determined dates for the Holiday Open House. Mike suggested being open on one day November 13th, and two days for the Holiday Open House. Rich rescinded his original motion. A motion was put forth and passed calling for the Society to be Open one day, November 13th in Celebration of National Model Railroad month and then two days on December 18 & 19 for the Holiday Open House. Approved.

Main Layout: Gary gave a presentation from the committee appointed to develop the layout plan. The philosophy behind the design was to promote ease of conducting Operating Sessions, promote historical West Virginia Railroading, and to depict realistic operations involving the railroad without cluttering the layout. Criteria for design is to build the layout with the ability of being able to dismantle, disassemble, and move the layout in part or by sections. The committee reasoned we would maintain the CB&O with a theme that would have it

interchange with the Chessie System as well as Western Maryland. The era to be modeled is proposed at 1965 to 1975. The Main Line would utilize double track and a minimum of 36" is to be maintained to satisfy safety and fire code for the width of the isles. Mike, Gary, and Eric provided various drawings while providing more specific details and answering questions. We will vote to approve the plan in September.

For the Good of the Order: Nothing

Greg made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Gary offered a second. The meeting was adjourned by Vice President Ken Colvin at 2018 (8:18 pm).

Greg Malnikoff
Secretary, MVRHRS



ARTICLES WANTED

Space is available for members to write an article for the newsletter. It may be about your model railroad, a new model you just built or acquired, a railfan trip you recently took or about a any railroad related topic. Just type it up and send it to: Rich Henderson, Editor at: trainman430@comcast.net

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